POVERTY CERTIFICATES—ENQUIRIES INTO THE BONAFIDES OF.

382. Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the Government has taken any steps to find out the offenders who have presented false poverty certificates as promised by the Government in response to the cut motion No. 5, Budget Session of 1113, moved by the member for Kunnamkulam on the 27th July 1938;

(*b*) whether these poverty certificates were sent to the respective Tahsildars for searching enquiry and counter-siguature;

(*c*) whether they were able to get hold of any offenders; if so, how many?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) to (*c*) There was no scope for a general enquiry. Poverty certificates which were suspicious had been enquired into and half-fee concession granted only after enquiry into the *bona fides* of the certificates.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): May I know whether any Revenue Officer enquired into the matter?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): Wherever there was doubt, the matter was referred to the Revenue Officers.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): How many of such cases have been doubtful?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): There has been a fairly large number in some years.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Will the Government be pleased to send all these certificates to the Tahsildars for counter-signature?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): That will be a waste of labour and causing delay because there are obvious cases where poverty certificates can be accepted as *bona fide*.

HINDI IN SCHOOLS.

383. മിസ്റ്റർ സി. കുഞ്ഞൻ നമ്പൂതിരിപ്പാട്: താഴെപറയുന്ന സംശയങ്ങൾ ഗവൺമെണ്ടിൽ നിന്നും ദയവു ചെയ്തു മറുപടി പറയാമൊ:—

(ക) ഹിന്ദി എത്ര സ്കൂളുകളിൽ നിർബ്ബന്ധവിഷയമായി എടുക്കുന്നുണ്ട്;

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